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1. IN A DISCUSSION OF CANADIAN TEXTS WITH ECONMIN

DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY MUELLER-THUNS, EMBOFF WAS INFORMED THAT FRG HAS SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH LANGUAGE ON PURCHASING POWER. IN FRG VIEW, IT NOW APPEARS THAT G-8 MADE AN ERROR IN AGREEING TO CONSIDER PRESERVATION OF PURCHASING POWER IN ENERGY COMMISSION, SINCE IT LOOKS AS IF PEREZ-GUERRERO WILL SEEK TO HAVE THIS CONCEPT INCORPORATED INTO WORK PROGRAMS FOR RAW MATERIALS AND OTHER COMMISSIONS. AT AN INTER-MINISTERIAL MEETING HEID SEPTEMBER 7 TO REVIEW CANADIAN TEXTS, FRG CONCLUDED THAT G-8 SHOULD BE MOST CAUTIOUS IN NEGOTIATING TEXT ON PURCHASING POWER. WHILE MUELLER-THUNS CONCEDED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO RESTRICT THE SCOPE OF TEXT FOR ENERGY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAM SO TIGHTLY THAT IT COULD ONLY APPLY TO ENERGY WORK PROGRAM, HE DOUBTED THAT PEREZ-GUERRERO WOULD ACCEPT SUCH A RESTRICTION. ONLY OTHER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO INSIST ON SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN TEXT PROPOSED BY CANADIANS, ENTAILING DELETION OF ANY REFERENCE TO "PRESERVATION" AND PERHAPS OTHER CHANGES AS WELL. MUELLER-THUNS THEREFORE BELIEVED THAT REVISIONS SUGGESTED BY U.S. DO NOT GO FAR ENOUGH. HE ASKED WHETHER U.S. HAD CONSIDERED THIS PROBLEM, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, WHETHER U.S. COULD ACCEPT INCLUSION OF ANY FORM OF REFERENCE TO PRESERVATION OF PURCHASING POWER IN WORK PROGRAM OF OTHER COMMISSIONS. DR. KIPPER, WHO WILL BE IN PARIS FOR G-8 CONSULTATIONS, WILL PROBABLY SEEK TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE INFORMALLY WITH U.S. DEL.

2. MUELLER-THUNS ALSO REVIEWED CHANGES SUGGESTED BY U.S. TO CANADIAN TEXT ON DEBT, AND COMMENTED THAT FRG WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH U.S. LANGUAGE.
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